

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

The FCC needs to act to prevent this country's media sources from becoming an oligopoly, or monopoly. Any first year economics student knows that the consolidation of industry always leads to higher prices and less diversity. Any first year economics student also knows that this a bad thing that only the government can ameliorate. The FCC should protect consumer interest, not add to the trough for weathy corporations to feast from.